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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Summer Intern Program

1. The summer intern program offers the individual a unique and highly rewarding experience in the intelligence community while still a student. After years of participating in the dogmatic and bureaucratic academic life it was a pleasure to work in an agency where all source materials were readily available and valuable applied studies were conducted. In short I was very pleased with the entire program and the insights it gave to me.

2. It is my opinion that the program has several especially outstanding attributes and I should like to briefly discuss them. It was an honor to receive the level of clearance that we did, and to be allowed to participate in regular intelligence assignments. We worked on projects as if we were regular analysts. I especially enjoyed working on the Intelligence Mapping Program and the [redacted] project. They provided a valuable insight into applied geographic research. The atmosphere of the office was excellent and conducive to work. The other branch members always treated me with respect and as an equal and were extremely helpful. For the most part I was under the tutelage of [redacted], who I found to be helpful and patient in explaining the many pieces of equipment and procedures. It should also be pointed out that the briefings with the other branches of OBGH; OGB, OCH, and MRIC were excellent and allowed the intern to gain a clear picture of the agency and its varied operation.

3. I can only offer two suggestions as to parts of the program which could be improved. The initial security briefings were aimed at a low intellectual level (high school graduate) and were far too time consuming. Possibly there should be separate briefings for clerical and professional staff, with different levels of sophistication. My other suggestion is in regards to the finance

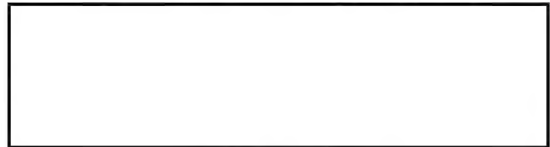
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office. They should be made aware of the program and its goals, and possibly then they will handle the finances properly. There were errors in every check that I received. This can lead to misunderstandings and lessen one's otherwise high regard for the agency.

4. I should like to conclude by stating that the goals and operation of the program were of the highest caliber. It is a compliment that an agency as large and complex as the CIA can treat an individual with such high regard and confidence. The highest compliment I can pay to the summer intern program is to state that I would be very pleased to return next summer and also to inform others of the quality of the program, if so asked.



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